



**Gulf of Mexico Alliance  
Regional Restoration Coordination Team Workshop  
March 6 – 9, 2007  
Five Rivers, Alabama's Delta Resource Center  
Mobile Bay Causeway, Spanish Fort, Alabama**

**Workshop Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 6 –Alabama Session**

**7:30 – 8:15 a.m.** Continental Breakfast

**8:15 – 8:20 a.m.** Welcome *Hank Burch,  
Manager, 5 Rivers*

**8:15 – 8:20 a.m.** Introductions *Carl Ferraro,  
ADCNR-SLD*

**Coastal Alabama Geology, Habitat Status and Trends, and Storm Impacts**

**8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** Geology of Coastal Alabama *Dr. Doug Haywick  
U. of South  
Alabama*

**9:05 - 9:25 a.m.** Wetlands and SAV Status and Trends in Coastal Alabama *Dr. Barry A. Vittor  
Vittor & Assoc.,  
Inc.*

**9:30 - 9:50 a.m.** Oyster Reefs: Status and Trends & Restoration *Mark Vanhooose  
AL-MRD*

**9:55 – 10:15 a.m.** Effect of Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina on Colonial Nesting Sites In Coastal Alabama *Dr. John Dindo,  
DISL*

**10:20 – 10:40 a.m.** **Break**

### **Restoration Policy, Regulatory and Funding Issues**

<b>10:45 – 11:05 a.m.</b>	Post-Katrina Fish & Shellfish Nursery Habitat Restoration Program	<i>Carl Ferraro ADCNR-SLD</i>
<b>11:10 – 11:30 a.m.</b>	TNC's Experience in Coastal AL	<i>Nicole Vickey, TNC</i>
<b>11:35 – 11:55 a.m.</b>	USACE Section 204/206 Experience in Coastal Alabama	<i>James Buckalew, Corps-Mobile District</i>
<b>12:00 – 1:30 a.m.</b>	Working Lunch (speakers continue)	
<b>12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</b>	The AL-MS Restoration Database Expanded Session?	<i>Roberta Swann, MBNEP</i>
<b>1:00 - 1:30 p.m.</b>	Open Discussion and Questions for Speakers	<i>Lei Hu, DISL Group</i>

### **Recent and On-going Restoration Projects in Coastal Alabama**

<b>1:30 – 1:50 p.m.</b>	Restoration through Preservation: Alabama's Forever Wild Program	<i>Carl Ferraro a/o Greg Lein, ADCRN-SLD</i>
<b>1:50 – 2:10 p.m.</b>	ADCNR Invasive SAV Control in the Lower Mobile Delta	<i>Joe Jernigan, ADCNR</i>
<b>2:10 – 2:30 p.m.</b>	USFWS Restoration Efforts in Coastal Alabama	<i>Randy Roach, USFWS</i>
<b>2:30 – 2:45 p.m.</b>	Break	
<b>2:45 – 3:15 p.m.</b>	The Alabama Coastal Foundation's Mon Louis Island Restoration Project	<i>Barry P. Vittor, Vittor &amp; Assoc., Inc.</i>
<b>3:15 – 3:45 p.m.</b>	DISL/City of Orange Beach Robinson Island Restoration and Protection Project	<i>Ken Heck &amp; John Dindo, DISL</i>
<b>3:45 – 4:00 p.m.</b>	Wrap-up	
<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Adjourn	

## **Wednesday, March 7 - Mississippi Session**

**7:30 – 8:15 a.m.** Continental Breakfast

**8:15 – 8:30 a.m.** Welcome & Introductions (MS State Representatives)

### **Session 1**

**8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** Sea Grasses *Chris May, Grand Bay NEER*

**9:05 - 9:25 a.m.** Aquatic Invasive Species *Mike Pursley, MDMR*

**9:30 - 9:50 a.m.** Mississippi Coastal Morphology *Tentative*

**9:55 – 10:15 a.m.** Oysters, Impacts and Restoration *Scott Gordon, MDMR*

**10:20 – 10:40 a.m.** Break

### **Session 2**

**10:45 – 11:05 a.m.** MS Coastal Preserve – Impacts From Katrina *David Rice, MDMR*

**11:10 – 11:30 a.m.** MS Coastal Preserve – Restoration *George Ramseur, MDMR*

**11:35 – 11:55 a.m.** Mississippi's Restoration Objectives *Dr. Bill Walker, MDMR*

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch (Speakers Continue)

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** Mississippi Coastal Improvement Program *Dr. Susan Rees or designee, Mobile COE*

### **Session 3**

**1:30 – 2:00 p.m.** Grand Bay NEER Stewardship Activities *Christina Watters, Grand Bay NEER*

**2:00 – 2:30 p.m.** Beneficial Use Master Plan *Mobile COE*

**2:45 – 3:15 p.m.**      Deer Island Restoration Project

*Ali Leggett, MDMR*

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m.**              Break

**Session 4**

**3:15 – 3:45 p.m.**

**3:45 – 4:15 p.m.**

**4:15 – 4:30 p.m.**      Wrap-up

**4:30 p.m.**              Adjourn

Thursday, March 8—Implementing the Governors’ Action Plan

**7:30 – 8:15 a.m.** – Continental Breakfast

**Implementing the Governors’ Action Plan**

**Part 1: Needs Assessment for Each Recommendation**

- Status updates, coordinating activities of implementation partners for Actions R-1 and R-2 listed in Implementation Activities Matrix
- Discussion of needs as unique to host state or overlapping with those of other Gulf States.
- Info. needs, funding needs, policy needs, technical tool needs, research needs.

**Part 2: Solutions to Host State Needs**

- Status of Federal commitments to address needs, gaps in these commitments vis-à-vis state challenges. Development of methods/mechanisms for states to push internally and externally to have those needs addressed (i.e., policy recommendation framework).
- Prioritizing info., funding, and policy needs and project implementation priorities.
- R1-2: Discuss restoration priorities, best management practices, lessons learned
- R1-4, R1-5: Federal/State compliance issues; streamlining Federal Permitting

- R1-6: Processes within granting agencies that facilitate or impede restoration.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**      PHINS & GOMRC Demonstration      *NOAA Rep.*

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**      Lunch

### Gulf of Mexico Regional Sediment Management Master Plan (GRSMMP) Workshop

**1:30– 1:45 p.m.**      Intro., Objectives & Overview of GRSMMP      *Larry Parson, USACE  
Mobile*

**1:45– 2:15 p.m.**      Regional Sediment Processes      *Jeff Waters, ERDC*

**2:15 -2:45 p.m.**      Scientific Assessment Workshop Summary      *Jeff Waters, ERDC*

**2:45– 3:05 p.m.**      Break

**3:05- 5:00 p.m.**      State Regional Sediment Management  
(Moderated Discussion)  
Problems, Opportunities, Priorities, and  
Sediment Needs      *Mark Dunning  
(Facilitator)*

**5:00 p.m.**      Adjourn

### Friday, March 9 -- Gulf of Mexico Regional Sediment Management Master Plan (GRSMMP) Workshop (Continued)

#### **USACE Dredging Activities**

**7:30- 8:00 a.m.**      Continental Breakfast

**8:00.-8:25 a.m.**      Galveston District      *Bob Heinly,  
Galveston District*

**8:25-8:50 a.m.**      New Orleans District      *Ed Creef  
New Orleans District*

**8:50 -9:15 a.m.**      Mobile District      *Vern Gwinn,  
Mobile District*

**9:15-9:40 a.m.**      Jacksonville District      *Jonas White/  
Matt Schrader,*

*Jacksonville District*

**9:40-10:05 a.m.** Dredging Activities – Questions and  
Open Discussion

*Group*

**10:05-10:25 a.m.** Break

**10:25-11:10 a.m.** Direction and Form of GRSMMP

*Mark Dunning  
Facilitator*

**11:10.-11:20 a.m.** Direction and Form of GRSMMP

*Larry Parson*

**11:20.-11:30 a.m.** Wrap-up  
Action Items  
Next Meeting  
Next Workshop

*Larry Parson*

**11:30 a.m.** Adjourn